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Indiana Bicentennial Commission News

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Statehood Day 2013: Lots of energy under the Capitol dome
By the numbers:

- 1** Great job Commissioner Senator Merritt who emceed Statehood Day program.
- 4** Statehood Day Essay Contest winners. Fourth graders shared their Bicentennial Heroes: "Levi Coffin", Andrew Knight; "Ryan White", Skylar Ashcraft; "A Variety of Heroes", Elizabeth Parrish and "Uncle James Who Fought in Vietnam", Cate Lehner.
- 23** Partners provided activities for 4th grade State House visitors, including Governor and First Lady Pence, Lt. Governor Ellspermann, the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Bicentennial Commission.

Bicentennial BIZ Team 2016's December:

- 2** Center for Agricultural Science & Heritage Presentation to Board of Trustees.
- 10** Team 2016 celebrates Indiana's 197th BD with Gov. Pence in Corydon.
- 11** Statehood Day State House Celebration
- 11** Putnam Bicentennial presentation. The county is rolling out their planning!
- 12** Co-chairs Hamilton and Skillman attend Bicentennial briefing with Governor Pence.
- 13-14** State House Tree Trim and Inaugural Christmas at the Capitol – Gov. and First Lady Pence, Friends of the Indiana State Archives.
- 18** Commissioner Mickey Maurer and staff discussed Bicentennial book project & budget.

Executive Visits -- *Indiana Economic Development Corporation, Deliberate Media, Indiana Sports Corp, Radius Tourism, Department of Natural Resources*

Bicentennial Connections

Robert Henderson, Orleans Bicentennial, Orange County; Elaine Peck, Executive Director, Putnam County Community Foundation.

Over 450 students' smiling faces reflected their engagement in wonderful activities such as getting their Statehood Day Passport stamped, meeting Maverick, the First Dog and playing "Who's a Hoosier – Born in Indiana".

Coming to Highways Near You



Indiana highway districts are working to complete the Bicentennial Signage Project to raise awareness about 2016. Delivery of these signs will begin in January, 2014 says Jeffrey R. Parker, Manager, Office of Logistical Support Division of Maintenance.

Coming Soon: Indiana 2016 website to engage Hoosiers to re-discover what it's like to discover OUR Indiana heritage

Web visitors will be able to sit back, and "wander" Indiana's 92 counties' courthouses and county squares -- just a click away. An interactive map helps us discover Indiana. Most likely we all want to take a road trip to our favorite county seats!